To: Chairman and Authority Members Date: March 19, 2004

From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item 8 – Presentation of the Implementation Plan

Discussion

On September 18, 2003 the Authority delegated to the Executive Director the authority to negotiate and enter into contract with Systra Consulting Inc. / Bechtel team for the California High-Speed Rail implementation plan.

Staff will present an overview of the Implementation Plan work program and report on the status of the project.